

DG 02-106

**ENERGYNORTH NATURAL GAS, INC. D/B/A/ KEYSPAN ENERGY DELIVERY
NEW ENGLAND AND NORTHERN UTILITIES, INC.**

Order Approving Energy Efficiency Changes for Program Year Three

ORDER NO. 24,458

April 29, 2005

On March 15, 2005, EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc. d/b/a/ KeySpan Energy Delivery New England (EnergyNorth) and Northern Utilities, Inc. (Northern) filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) their energy efficiency program proposals for program year three. EnergyNorth proposes to re-allocate \$337,079 in funds from the residential class to the commercial and industrial class. In addition, EnergyNorth and Northern propose to implement a new program in program year three, the *Instantaneous Tankless Water Heater Program*.

On April 19, 2005, Commission Staff filed with the Commission a memorandum reviewing the proposed changes and recommending approval. On April 22, 2005, Commission Staff filed with the Commission a further memorandum confirming that the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services has no objection to EnergyNorth's proposal to re-allocate funds from the residential class to the commercial and industrial class.

In accordance with section II(E)(1) of the Settlement Agreement (Settlement Agreement) approved by the Commission in *Energy Efficiency Programs for Gas Utilities*, Order No. 24,109 in Docket DG 02-106, 87 NH PUC 892 (2002), "for budget shifts between the residential and commercial & industrial classes . . . the Gas Utilities shall file such changes for Commission review and approval." Under section II(K)(1) of the Settlement Agreement, "the

Settling Parties and Staff will negotiate in good faith to reach a consensus where possible on all future filings to the Commission”

Staff reviewed the new *Instantaneous Tankless Water Heater Program*, found that it is cost effective and recommends approval. In addition, Staff reviewed the EnergyNorth proposal to re-allocate funds from the residential class to the commercial and industrial class. Staff recommends approval of the re-allocation as it would come at no cost to the residential class. According to Staff, the re-allocated funds would be refunded to the residential class with interest. Finally, Staff reports that the Settling Parties have no objection to the EnergyNorth proposal.

We have reviewed the provisions of the Settlement Agreement, the proposed changes and Staff’s analysis. Based on our review, we find that the proposed changes are reasonable and in the public good, and we will therefore approve the changes.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that EnergyNorth is authorized to re-allocate \$337,079 in funds, as proposed, from the residential class to the commercial and industrial class; and it is

FURTHERED ORDERED, that the *Instantaneous Tankless Water Heater Program* proposed by EnergyNorth and Northern is approved.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twenty-ninth day of April, 2005.

Thomas B. Getz
Chairman

Graham J. Morrison
Commissioner

Michael D. Harrington
Commissioner

Attested by:

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director & Secretary